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In re Application of
W. James Jackson et al
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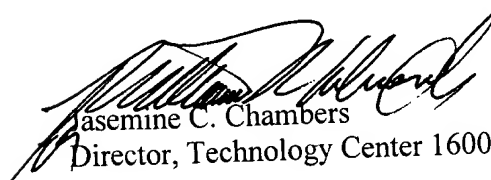
This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed January 23, 2003, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above identified application.

A review of the file history shows that the Office mailed an Office action to applicants on June 20, 2002, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Applicants replied on December 20, 2002 (Express Mail date) and the reply was received by the Office as evidenced by an Office date stamped return postcard. The reply, consisting of a request for a three month extension of time and fee therefor and other papers, has not been located. The examiner mailed a Notice of Abandonment to applicants on January 8, 2003, indicating no reply had been received. The copies of the reply supplied with the petition will be entered in the file. In view of the timely reply, the Notice of Abandonment mailed January 8, 2003, is considered to have been mailed in error and is hereby withdrawn and the application restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact William R. Dixon, Jr. by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.


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